

## SEMI-OFFICIAL

In California, non-profit Roots of Change, with grant writing assistance from Gus for \$1,500,000 for marketing support of incentives, launched a program called Market Match. The simultaneous appearance—and success—of double-your money markets drew national media and grant-makers' attention and laid the foundation for rapid expansion. By 2009, Wholesome Wave granted \$330,000, up from just \$38,000 the year before, to shoppers at 40 farmers markets in 10 states plus the District of Columbia.

Over the years, he wrote books and journal articles, and taught agribusiness as a visiting scholar at Harvard Business School.

In 2007, Schumacher, along with Cathy Bertini, former Director of the World Food Programme and Professor Robert Thompson, Gardner Professor of Agricultural Economics at Illinois, oversaw the preparation of the Task Force Report of the Chicago Council on Global Affairs, titled "Modernizing America's Food and Farm Policy: Vision for a New Direction".

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## MISCELLANEOUS

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For fun, Mr. Schumacher restored cider mills.

Schumacher was a member of the 21st National Academy of Sciences.

[From The Washington Post, Sept. 27]

GUS SCHUMACHER, A FORCE IN THE FARM-TO-TABLE MOVEMENT, DIES AT 77

(By Bart Barnes)

Gus Schumacher, a fourth-generation farmer and third-ranking official at the Agriculture Department, told the story of his epiphany about food hundreds of times.

It was the end of a summer afternoon in 1980 at a farmers market in Boston, and he was helping his brother load up his truck with unsold produce grown on their family property in Lexington, Mass. The bottom fell out of a box of pears, scattering the fruit into the gutter.

There, a young mother with two little boys eagerly gathered them into the folds of her unhemmed shirt. She was a single mom, she explained, dependent on food stamps, which back then made fresh fruit and vegetables prohibitively expensive for her. The pear spill was a bonanza.

For Mr. Schumacher, he would say later, it was a seminal moment in his life. He grew up on a farm, and it had never occurred to him that parents would find it hard to provide their children with fresh fruit and vegetables.

He would change it, he told himself.

Mr. Schumacher—who in a 50-year career also served as the Massachusetts commis-

sioner of food and agriculture, a food project manager and agriculture development officer for the World Bank and finally a co-founder of a nonprofit group that tries to improve affordable access to fresh, locally grown food—died Sept. 24 at his home in Washington. The cause was an apparent heart attack, said his wife, Susan Holaday Schumacher. He was 77.

Since that farmers-market epiphany, Mr. Schumacher helped make food assistance programs more generous in allowances for fresh fruit and vegetables. He also became a force in the farm-to-table movement, encouraging restaurants and retail stores to buy produce locally.

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That scene, or a version of it, would play over and over again between 1984 and 1990 when Mr. Schumacher was agriculture chief for Massachusetts. He was always asking chefs whether they knew any farmers who could supply them food directly. He created market coupon programs for seniors and low-income families with children. He chastised breakfast diners for serving English jellies instead of American ones.

"Gus was instrumental in bringing two seemingly obvious groups together who never talked to each other—chefs and farmers," Hamersley told the Globe. "He's basically the architect of chefs featuring locally grown produce. As always, there was a team of people with him, but he was sitting in the chair."

The Washington Post reported on Mr. Schumacher's work with refugee and immigrant farmers all over the United States. He encouraged them to grow and market their native vegetables, such as amaranth. From New England, the New York Times reported, Mr. Schumacher made personal deliveries of Asian greens that included pea tendrils, Chinese chive blossoms and Cambodian spearmint to the Washington restaurant TenPenh.

August Schumacher Jr. was born in Lincoln, Mass., on Dec. 4, 1939. He grew up on a farm in Lexington, and his father was one of the largest parsnip growers in Massachusetts. His grandfather and great-grandfather were farmers in New York City. They grew winter vegetables in glass-enclosed hot-houses.

Mr. Schumacher graduated from Harvard University in 1961 and attended the London School of Economics.

Over his career, he had a variety of consultancies, served as Massachusetts agriculture chief from 1984 to 1990 and was the USDA undersecretary of agriculture for farm and foreign agricultural services from 1997 to 2001.

Since 2008 he had served as founding board chairman of Wholesome Wave in Bridgeport, Conn., which seeks to increase access to affordable, locally grown fruits and vegetables.

His first marriage, to Barbara Kerstetter, ended in divorce. Survivors include his wife of 25 years, Susan Holaday Schumacher of Washington; a stepdaughter, Valarie Karasz

of Brooklyn; and two grandchildren. A stepson, Andrew Karasz, died earlier this month.

## HONORING THA YING XIONG

## HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 1, 2017

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an incredible young man, Tha Ying Xiong of Weston, Wisconsin, and congratulate him on receiving this year's Paul Bunyan's "larger than life" award. Paul Bunyan, with his trusty blue ox, Babe, was a larger-than-life figure in Wisconsin. And through his dedicated work in the Wausau region community, Tha Ying certainly exemplifies the term "larger than life." Tha Ying serves his community as a member of the Help Making Our Next Generation (H.M.O.N.G.) Youth Program, a member of the ReUnited Dance Group, coordinator for the first Mr. Hmong Royalty competition, and has spent countless hours on behalf of the Hmong American Center fundraising and helping to fulfill the day-to-day operations that every organization needs to thrive. He is described as a leader among his peers, even by those who are much older than him. His selfless acts to improve the community around him serve as a true inspiration to us all and as a credit to the legacy of Paul Bunyan. Congratulations, Tha Ying.

## RECOGNIZING JIM SACKET FOR HIS SERVICE

## HON. JOHN J. FASO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 1, 2017

Mr. FASO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I rise today to recognize the illustrious career of James "Jim" Sacket on the occasion of his retirement. Jim is retiring this December after twenty years of dedicated service to Schoharie County as District Attorney.

Originally from Pennsylvania, Jim has resided in Schoharie, New York for over sixty years. From a young age, he exhibited a rare diligence and a community-driven spirit. While attending Schoharie Central School, Jim was an Eagle Scout and an active participant in the National Honor Society as well as in many athletic programs.

In 1984, he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Suffolk University. He then went on to obtain his Juris Doctor degree in 1987, and later clerked for Attorney Paul Callahan in Duanesburg, New York. In 1990, Jim was admitted to the New York State Bar, and established his own practice shortly thereafter. Jim's legacy of hard work is a source of inspiration, instilling the values of determination, confidence, and civility in his community.

In 1997, Jim was elected Schoharie County District Attorney and has proudly served as the county's Chief Law Enforcement Officer since. In this capacity, through his effective prosecuting, Jim has demonstrated his unwavering commitment to preserving the safety and security of Schoharie County. Jim is a man of uncommon judgement with a fierce loyalty to the integrity of our judicial system.